



CITY OF HOUSTON

Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department
Commercial Permitting & Enforcement Section

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO OPERATE A DANCE HALL

Please Circle Days of The Week This Facility Will Be Open:

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Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thur. Fri. Sat.

Telephone Number:

Daily Hours of Operation: _____

Class A:

Cabarets, night clubs, and all dance halls not otherwise specifically classified.

\$774.22 + \$25.80: > three nights week
\$283.88 + \$25.80: < two nights a week

Class B:

Dancing schools or facilities owned, rented or operated by clubs and its members and are used for dancing by members or rented to others.

Annual Cost for Each Class

\$10.32: dance schools
\$103.23 + \$25.80: rental for public/private events

Class C:

Teenage dance halls.

\$123.87 + \$25.80: > four nights week
\$61.93 + \$25.80: < three nights a week

For Office use only

The applicant is in compliance with all laws and ordinances of the City of Houston regulating health and sanitation; all fire regulations and the building code of the City of Houston.

Chief of Police _____

Building Inspector _____

Director of Public Health _____

Fire Marshall _____

TO THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS, HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Application is hereby made by or on behalf of: _____ (hereinafter called
Business Name

applicant) for a license to operate a dance hall, Class _____ at _____
(A, B, or C) Business Address Zip Code

Each person named below for this license, a member of a firm, association or partnership; an operator or person in charge of a dance hall; or as president or chairman of an unincorporated club is a law abiding citizen of the State of Texas and has been a resident of the City of Houston for more than one (1) year preceding this application.

1. The operator or person in charge of this dance hall is: _____, whose
Please print the full name
personal data is _____
Mailing Address Zip Code Driver's License or I.D. #

Operator's E-Mail Address is: _____

2. The Applicant is an: (a) Individual (b) Partnership (c) Corporation of (d) Unincorporated Association or Club (Circle One.)
According to the answer to Question #2 above, complete one of the following (A., B., C.1 or C.2, or D.) below.

A. INDIVIDUAL (if different from operator in Question #1 above):

Name and Drivers License or I.D. #: _____
Print the full name Drivers License or I.D. #

Address and Telephone No.: _____
P.O. Box will not be accepted Area Code / Number

B. IF APPLICANT IS A FIRM, ASSOCIATION OR PARTNERSHIP:

Names of Members, Partners	Mailing Address (P.O. Box Not Accepted)	Drivers Lic. or I.D.
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(If additional space is necessary use a separate sheet)

C. IF APPLICANT IS A CORPORATION:

Organized under Texas Law _____ Foreign Law _____ (Check One) According to your answer complete 1 or 2 below:

1) IF TEXAS CORPORATION:

Mailing Address: _____
P.O. Box will not be accepted

Business Location: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Individual in charge of Houston office: _____

Names, Title and Drivers License (or I.D.) of Officers and Directors or Trustees:

Name	Title	Drivers License or I.D.#
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(If additional space is necessary use a separate sheet)

2) IF FOREIGN CORPORATION:

Mailing Address: _____
P.O. Box will not be accepted

Business Location: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Individual in charge of Houston office: _____

Names, Title and Drivers License (or I.D.) of Officers and Directors or Trustees:

Name	Title	Drivers License or I.D.#
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(If additional space is necessary use a separate sheet)

D. IF APPLICANT IS AN UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION OR CLUB:

Names of
Members/Officers/Directors
(Whichever applies)

Mailing Address
P.O. Box Not Accepted

Drivers Lic. or I.D.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(If additional space is necessary use a separate sheet)

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE PROCESSED

3. The occupation or employment of the applicant (or of the operator or person in charge if the application is made on behalf of a partnership, corporation or unincorporated association or club) for a period of five years:

NATURE OF JOB	EMPLOYER'S NAME	EMPLOYER'S ADDRESS	Employed From	Employed To
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Note: _____
Applicant Full Name Home Address Zip Code

Places Previously Operated

4. If this application is for a license to operate a dancing school under the Class B permit, please provide the following information for each person responsible for such instruction at the school

Names of Instructors

Mailing Address
(P.O. Box Not Accepted)

Drivers Lic. or I.D.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(If additional space is necessary use a separate sheet)

5. The applicant must initial the appropriate response and indicate "N/A" to the response that is not applicable to this application. If 5B is initialed, the applicant must also identify the number of room applicable in the blank therein:

____ (5A) No hotel, rooming house or lodging house is conducted in any part of the premises for which the license is sought, and the place or establishment described in this application does not have any connection with any room or rooms equipped or fitted in any manner as sleeping rooms open or let the patrons of such dance hall or to the public, with or without a charge being made therefore.

____ (5B) The place or establishment for which this license is sought is operated in connection with a bona-fide hotel, having _____ guest rooms.

6. Should this license be granted, applicant agrees to comply strictly with all laws of the State of Texas and ordinances of the City of Houston governing the operation of dance halls, and with all rules and regulations for the operation of dance halls adopted the Director of Administration & Regulatory Affairs of the City of Houston by authority thereof; and agrees that if the license applied for be issued on condition that it will remain in force only so long as applicant observes and carries out each and all the declarations herein made, and agrees that in the event of the violation of any of the promises on the part of applicant herein contained, or in the event of any violation of any law of this State or any ordinance of this City of Houston, or any rule or regulation the Director of Administration & Regulatory Affairs, issued by authority thereof relating to the conduct or operation of such dance halls, the Director of Administration & Regulatory Affairs as provided by ordinance, may remind, cancel and annul or suspend such license, and all money paid for such license shall be forfeited to the City of Houston, and that applicant shall at once, on cancellation of such license, cease to operate such dance halls.

Applicant

Applicant's E-Mail Address

If the application is by an individual, such individual must sign and swear to this application; if it is on behalf of a partnership, firm or association, one of the members of such firm must sign and swear to it; if it is on behalf of an unincorporated club, such club's president or chairman must sign and swear to it; if it is on behalf of a corporation, the president or chairman of the corporation must sign and swear to it. If the application is signed by the individual identified in the response to Question No. 1 as the operator or person in charge of the dance hall and is not identified as the president or chairman, the partners, officers, or members must also submit written documentation -power of attorney- authorizing the individual to act on behalf of the organization.

STATE OF TEXAS **X**

COUNTY OF HARRIS **X**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____

Who being by me first duly sworn, upon his oath stated that all of the information given above and all of the answers made to the forgoing questions are within the knowledge of Affiant and are true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office this _____ day of _____

AD., _____

**NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE
STATE OF TEXAS**

My Commission Expires: _____

PRINTED NAME OF NOTARY



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SUMMARY OF DANCE HALL REGULATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Sec. 5-51. Minors in Class A halls.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any minor to enter or be in attendance in a Class A dance hall between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., unless the minor is in the visible presence of the minor's parent, spouse or legally appointed guardian who is 18 years of age or older.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for the licensee or operator of a dance hall to suffer, allow or permit a minor to enter or be in attendance in the dance hall between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., unless the minor is in the visible presence of the minor's parent, spouse or legally appointed guardian who is 18 years of age or older.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person who is not the parent, spouse or legally appointed guardian of a minor to represent himself as the parent, spouse or legally appointed guardian of the minor for the purpose of enabling the minor to enter or to be in attendance in a dance hall.

(Code 1968, § 36-39; Ord. No. 98-986, § 3, 11-4-98; Ord. No. 09-398, § 6, 5-13-09)

Sec. 5-52. Suffering or permitting illegal conduct.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of a public dance hall to permit or suffer any activity or conduct therein that is illegal, including without limitation, public intoxication, prostitution, promotion of prostitution, gambling, obscenity, disorderly conduct, or consumption of alcohol in a public place during hours prohibited by state law.

(Code 1968, § 36-40; Ord. No. 99-1085, § 3, 10-6-99)

Sec. 5-53. Sleeping rooms prohibited.

No dance hall shall have in any way connected with it any room or rooms equipped or fitted in any way as sleeping rooms which are open to or let to the patrons of such dance hall, or to the public, with or without a charge being made therefor, except hotels having more than 100 rooms, and except rooms used as living quarters for employees and club members only.

(Code 1968, § 36-41)

Sec. 5-56. Special regulations for teenage halls.

- (a) In addition to the other provisions of this article, a teenage dance hall shall be governed by the provisions of this section.
- (b) Teenage dance halls shall not remain open or operate between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 12:00 noon; provided, however, on the thirty-first day of December of each year, such dance halls may remain open and operate until 1:00 a.m. of the following day.
- (c) On nights preceding a regular school attendance day no person under the age of 17 years shall be permitted to dance after 8:00 p.m. unless such person is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. On nights preceding a school holiday or during school vacation periods, no person under the age of 15 years shall be permitted to dance after 8:00 p.m. unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. It shall be unlawful for any person who is not the parent or legal guardian of a minor to represent himself as the parent or legal guardian of such minor person for the purpose of enabling the minor to gain admission into a teenage dance hall. For purposes of this subsection, school attendance days and holidays shall be determined on the basis of the regular classroom attendance schedule for the public school district in which the dance hall is located.
- (d) It shall be the duty of the operator or licensee of a teenage dance hall to ascertain the correct legal age of all persons seeking admission to such facility, and such persons who do not meet the age requirements of this article shall be excluded from admission. All persons over the age of 20 years shall be refused admission to a teenage dance hall; provided however, a parent or legal guardian accompanying a minor shall be permitted admission to a teenage dance hall.
- (e) The sale, consumption or possession, on the premises, of beer, wine, or other alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited, and no one shall be admitted to a teenage dance hall who is under the influence of intoxicating beverages or shows any evidence thereof.
- (f) Patrons shall be admitted to a teenage dance hall only once in a twelve-hour period and shall not be granted readmission privileges under any circumstances or conditions.
- (g) The operator or licensee shall employ not less than two security officers for each 100 persons in attendance to patrol the premises of a teenage dance hall and adjoining areas and to prevent disorder.

(Code 1968, § 36-45; Ord. No. 09-398, § 7, 5-13-09)

Sec. 5-76. Taxi dancing with minors prohibited.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any licensee or operator of a public dance hall to suffer or permit a minor to engage in the activities commonly known as "taxi dancing," "dollar dancing" or "pony dancing," or the like, wherein any person accepts, agrees to accept or solicits any cash, benefit or other thing of monetary value for the privilege of dancing with a minor.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to offer, confer or agree to confer any cash, benefit or other thing of monetary value to any person for the privilege of dancing with a minor.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for the minor or any other person to solicit, accept or agree to accept any cash, benefit or other thing of monetary value from any person for the privilege of dancing with a minor.
- (d) The provisions of this section shall apply without regard to whether: (1) the minor is an employee, agent or contractor of the public dance hall or is merely present in the public dance hall; (2) the cash, benefit or other thing of monetary value is solicited or accepted by the licensee or operator, the minor or any other person; and (3) the cash, benefit or other thing of monetary value is solicited or accepted exclusively for the dancing privilege or for food, beverage or other services or merchandise with which the dancing privilege is also provided.
- (e) The license applicant's agreement to comply with this section shall constitute a condition of the issuance or renewal of a license under this article, and a statement reflecting this requirement shall be included on the application form.

(Code 1968, § 36-60; Ord. No. 98-986, § 4, 11-4-98)